

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

12/05/07
BC-49-07

PLACEMENTS UP 8%

For the week ending December 01, 2007, growers placed 11.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 8.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) increased 8.6% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.2 million, an increase of 4.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.2 million for the week ending November 24, 2007 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
10/06/07	13,740	13,670	10,695	10,736	10,757	10,736
10/13/07	13,240	13,813	11,300	11,457	11,318	11,458
10/20/07	13,145	12,910	11,382	11,847	11,645	11,847
10/27/07	13,022	12,941	11,517	11,462	11,630	11,462
11/03/07	13,655	14,336	11,119	11,569	11,223	11,569
11/10/07	13,164	14,261	10,905	10,826	10,925	10,826
11/17/07	13,622	13,364	10,865	10,934	11,075	11,030
11/24/07	13,625	14,075	11,406	11,861	11,619	11,861
12/01/07	13,603	14,193	10,913	11,847	10,962	11,845

- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	12/08/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	66.55	67.76	67.76	61.62
12-City Composite 2/	70.36	71.21	70.05	66.31

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 27 2007	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,644	28,680	*31,920	*31,939	*32,233	32,560
AR	24,231	26,061	*28,320	28,849	28,940	28,947
DE	3,956	4,188	4,173	4,155	4,161	4,163
FL	1,362	1,358	1,356	1,361	1,362	1,362
GA	35,230	34,040	35,370	35,774	36,119	36,174
KY	7,300	6,637	*7,250	7,672	7,594	7,436
LA	3,923	3,769	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,877
MD	7,806	8,938	8,897	7,999	8,715	8,821
MS	17,551	18,203	18,903	17,851	18,478	19,151
NC	18,699	19,648	*19,907	19,441	*19,752	19,668
OK	6,661	6,124	6,036	6,656	*6,634	6,694
PA	4,026	4,237	4,297	*4,368	*4,339	4,388
SC	5,590	4,549	5,471	5,218	5,610	5,690
TX	13,477	15,061	15,537	14,439	15,258	15,396
VA	6,165	6,008	6,309	6,372	6,372	6,353
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,491	18,838	19,874	19,849	*19,643	20,142
19 State Total	202,112	206,339	*217,544	*215,867	*219,134	220,822
Previous Year Total	192,800	198,175	207,802	211,187	211,184	212,782
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	104	105	102	104	104

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 221 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2007. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 27 2007	Nov 3 2007	Nov 10 2007	Nov 17 2007	Nov 24 2007	Dec 1 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,289	20,017	19,834	*19,271	*19,202	20,763
AR	23,948	24,126	23,406	20,800	*21,474	24,211
DE	4,912	4,357	5,053	4,910	*4,766	4,959
FL	1,522	1,393	1,283	1,126	*1,304	1,291
GA	27,567	28,526	28,060	*27,116	*27,455	28,675
KY	5,923	5,561	5,415	5,751	4,795	5,910
LA	3,938	3,598	3,937	3,876	3,726	4,114
MD	5,946	6,297	4,789	5,379	*6,354	6,224
MS	15,931	16,322	15,605	15,844	16,158	17,201
NC	15,223	15,144	14,972	15,433	*16,367	16,823
OK	4,596	4,719	4,550	5,070	*5,279	4,147
PA	3,289	3,127	3,054	*2,989	*3,121	3,208
SC	5,476	4,015	4,272	4,618	4,316	4,764
TX	12,495	12,104	11,442	11,429	12,693	13,045
VA	4,933	5,293	5,352	4,824	*4,819	4,967
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,874	17,369	16,273	16,205	*17,110	18,068
19 State Total	174,862	171,968	167,297	*164,641	*168,939	178,370
Previous Year Total	167,680	165,516	160,423	156,497	162,192	168,076
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	105	104	106

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2007. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 1, 2007 were 8.43 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.